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## EDITOR'S CHAIR.

THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY.

The People's party is in favor of the government issuing its own notes for a circulating medium and therefore give the people an honest money and save great cost and oppression to the people. But the old parties are in league with the money gamblers. Under their rule instead of issuing greenbacks, the government issues bonds. These bonds are sold to Shylock. He deposits them with the government, to be held in trust. Uncle Sam kindly endorses Old Shylock's notes to the amount of 90 per cent. of the face value of the bonds. These notes Old Shylock takes home with him and loans out at usury, all the way from eight to twenty-four per cent. to his less fortunate neighbors. True, he pays 5 per cent. on these notes of one per cent., but this is merely to cover the cost of engraving and printing of the notes. In the meantime his bonds on deposit with the government is drawing interest, and besides they are non-taxable. No wonder Old Shylock considers the national banking system the best the world over—saw for him it is, goes without saying. But Uncle Sam might better issue his own notes, and save millions upon millions of interest. Watch the present Democratic congress and see if it wipes out this curse.

During the last thirty years wealth has increased in our nation at the rate of \$250,000 per hour, or \$70 per second. Yet we are suffering all the hateful consequences of hard times, the people are in a state of destitution, and five million tramps fill the land. Bad laws have produced this condition. By whom were they made? Both democrats and republicans are equally responsible for the evils now oppressing the people. At the next election the people will give a party "chance" that is not in copartnership with the gold bugs and monopolists. The people whose labor has made the country rich will no longer vote for a party that will allow that wealth to be stolen from them through bad laws. Vote the People's ticket and enjoy what you earn.

One of the objections that has been given against the editorials of *THE CAUCASIAN* and the speeches made by the editor is that they keep the people restless and dissatisfied. In the name of high heaven we want to know if they should not be dissatisfied with injustice. Those who fight injustice are patriots. Those who try to cover it up and persuade the people to suffer it are traitors and enemies of the people. The first right of a free man is to kick like steers against injustice. Only those remain slaves who deserve to be slaves.

## NOW'S THE TIME TO WORK.

Some one from Monroe signing himself "a friend" has written us telling the names of the contemptible curs who threw the pepper in the courthouse at Monroe. If the person who wrote the letter will give us his name we will publish the names of the pepper throwers. We never publish anonymous communications unless we know who the authors are. *THE CAUCASIAN* will never knowingly do any one an injustice, therefore we never make a charge till we have good authority for doing so.

## FREE TRADE ENGLAND.

Mr. Moreton Fremen, a prominent bimetallist from England, is in Washington, D. C. In an interview with the Post the reporter asked him: "Are times as bad in your rural districts as in your towns?" He replied:

"Yes every whit as bad. The coming winter will be an anxious one, indeed. In Essex during September last the farmers met and agreed to the lowest rate of wages since 1849, eight shillings & 4 pence. I think of the time when a winter will be lost sight of, unless we keep it at the front."

Right here we want to appeal to every true Populist reader of *THE CAUCASIAN* to do some work now for the cause. Now while the honest democrats are sore over their betrayal by their representatives in the time to urge them to take the paper. Lend them your copy, get them to read the article in this issue about the impossibility of reforming the Democratic party. Lend them books such as "Metallic Money and Hard Times," "Bond Holders and Bread Winners," "The Political Earthquake," "Seven Financial Conspiracies," "Ten Men of Money Island" and "Points for Thinkers." Any one of the above named books is an eye opener, and read in connection with *THE CAUCASIAN* ought to make a Populist out of any honest democrat or republican. Tell them to get the paper from now on all during the next campaign and till the election is over for \$1.00 and that it will be worth a \$10.00 note.

The wealth producers of England are not taxed by a high protective tariff. Then how is it that they too are suffering? They have been suffering for years from the curse of a gold standard that made all working men poor and made the few speculators rich.

*THE CAUCASIAN* has advertised in *THE CAUCASIAN* has taken the trouble to assure us that he was highly satisfied with the results.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS ON BONDS.

The Republican bankers of Boston who put up money to elect Cleveland last fall invited Mr. Eckels, Mr. Cleveland's comptroller of the currency to run up from Washington last week and make a speech before the Bankers' Association. Among other things he said:

"The commanding position which the banks of this country occupy in our financial world cannot be defined nor the importance of our banking institutions over-estimated. Established upon a safe basis and honestly conducted upon conservative lines, they are the greatest of all agencies for the promotion of a people's prosperity, but stripped of safe-guards or dishonestly managed, the injury which they bring upon a people is only limited by the extent of their opportunities. The supreme function which they fill is the distribution of the people's wealth, so as to make it a never-ending source of benefit to all."

"Their prosperity is the prosperity of every other business interest, and their activity is the activity of every line of commerce and branch of manufacture."

While the above language shows that the government is on its knees to the bankers, yet the admission therein made that the bankers control our finances is important coming from the man who is comptroller of the currency for the government, and who is supposed to manage the currency in the interest of the people. It proves that there is a necessity for that demand of the Alliance, that the management of the currency of the country shall be taken out of the hands of bankers and restored to the government where it rightfully belongs.

Mr. Eckels admits that the injury which bankers can do is limited only by their opportunities. They have no limit of opportunity now, for they are controlling dear currency and making congress and the President do their bidding.

Further on in his address Mr. Eckels denounced the charge that the bankers created the panic of last summer and charged that the people themselves created it. In short his whole speech was a plea for the bankers and a defense of their heartless course. Mr. Eckels is simply a representative or rather an attorney for the bankers at Washington. But the people pay him a big salary to help the bankers to manipulate the finances of the government as the bankers may desire. If you claim to be a Democrat and think you are a Democrat, get "Benton's 30 years in congress" and read an account of President Jackson's great fight against the national banks, and then decide whether you are a Jacksonian Democrat or a Cleveland Democrat. If you are the former then there is no place for you but in the People's party.

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## RETRIBUTION COMING.

SENATOR STEWART ON THE RECENT ELECTIONS

"ALL THE PEOPLE CAN BE DECEIVED SOMETIMES, BUT ALL THE PEOPLE CANNOT BE DECEIVED ALL THE TIME."

PEOPLE KNEW CLEVELAND AND THEY STRUCK AT HIM.

In Cleveland Was Exhibited All that Is Hateful to Good Government—In Him the People Saw Egotism, Contempt for Law, Gold Monopolism, Love of Money, Hatred of the Poor, the Tyranny of the Caudillo and the Oppression of the Debtor Class. So the People Condemned Grover and Struck Him—They Will Cast on the Chains of the Gold Contractors.

The Washington correspondent of *The Rocky Mountain News* (Dem.) writes:

"Senator Stewart returned to the city today from a brief absence. The News correspondent saw the senator at his rooms to-night and the inquiry as to what he thought of the result of the recent elections, he replied as follows:

"Executive usurpation was so conspicuous that the people could see it through the fog of falsehood of the venal press and rebuked it at the recent election. They did not know who created the autocrat, who subjugated congress and gave the world an object lesson of distress, but they knew Grover Cleveland was the responsible agent and repudiated him. The people have known that they were hurt for many years, but they have not known who hurt them.

THE PEOPLE SAW IT.

"Each political party has declared the other did it, and both told the truth, because each is the subservient tool of gold standard contraction. Both parties used the fatal drug of contraction, falling prices and hard times—one labels the drug Republican, and the other Democratic. The

"MONEY AND TRANSACTIONS" are the two great factors which control commerce and trade, as well as the distribution of wealth. As long as the factors are in the hands of a few individuals and corporations they will use them to levy tribute upon the people for "all the traffic will bear."

The right to "issue money," like the "right to govern," is a prerogative of the people, and they alone have the right to exercise it. We are just beginning to get into the fight, and it is the duty of every loyal People's party man and woman to stand by our cause. We must not equivocate, neither yield one inch, nor retreat a single step. No compromise, no surrender of principle, and no switching from the middle of the road, must be our motto.

H. E. TAUBENECK.

LABOR IN WANT.

(National Anthem)

Words by E. H. Belden.

Tune "Shabby Gentle."

(MERLINDA SISINS, HORTON, MICH.)

Can you give any reason how it comes about,

That my children are dyin' for bread,

When I've worked all my life and nearly played out,

Tryin' hard to make somethin' ahead,

There is some folks I know of that hasn't done a tap,

And they ride in their carriage and four,

And have got so much wealth they don't know where they're at,

While the toilers are ragged and poor.

Chorus:

To proud to beg, to honest to steal,

I know what it is to be wantin' a meal,

When I ask for work, they call me a tramp,

Or say I'm a Shabby Gentle.

When they foreclosed the mortgage and took the old home,

It was sad to lay mother away,

And I couldn't keep from thinkin' of what would become,

Of poor Bessie, and Bennie and May.

For I'm gettin' old now and my work's nearly done,

Upon whom will my darlin's depend?

Without clothin' or food, without friends or home,

Will the millionaires care for them then?

Chorus:

There is somethin' wrong somewhere as things are right now,

Thousands are out of shelter and board,

While the wealth they've created is taken somehow,

By the trusts and the Shylocks, instead,

Nature's done its part well and the toilers their share,

For to make the world happy and gay,

Had the laws been preserved that our Fathers prepared,

There is few would be wantin' today.

Chorus:

They have burned up our greenbacks to make gold go up,

As 'twould buy twice as much as before,

They are tryin' hard now to knock silver clean out,

So our debts will be twice as much more,

Had the works of our Fathers and Lincoln's remained,

Slylock's greed would have never had birth,

And the Nation would livid as at first it was framed,

Until freedom encircled the earth.

Chorus:

It will be equal rights or else slavery and serfs,

It is hard tellin' which way 'twill go,

For the gold bugs are fig'rin' to fence in the earth,

And to own us both body and soul,

But we'll have rights for all and give privleges to none,

Or we'll march like our Fathers, in blood,

And beneath the same flag we will work, pray and vote,

For our homes and our children and God.

Chorus:

## ATTENTION REFORMERS!

Chairman TANBECK SEES IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

(Special to *THE CAUCASIAN*)

Why is it that the Partisan Press Has Misrepresented the Liquor Dealers' Association? — When Will Prices Go Up? — If You are for Free Silver, What is Your Duty? — Roderick says He Heard Aycock Promise to Join the People's Party— Senator Cooper of Sampson Has a Revere.

Last week's election proves one thing above all others, and that is the widespread unrest and discontent among the people. Since 1888 the people of the United States have been surging from one old party to the other, hoping to find relief by "jumping out of one frying pan into another." They have acted like a horse mired in quicksand, lunging from side to side in the hope of striking solid ground; but every time they deserted one old party for the other they have been sinking deeper and deeper into the mire, which is now ready to engulf them. This shifting and surging of the voters "to and fro" speaks volumes for the People's party in the future. Every time they shift, that number who don't believe that any relief can come through the old parties will increase, and the confidence of those who remain will be shaken more and more every year. They will become wiser at every election until, like a landslide, they will drift into the People's party, as they did into the Republican in 1860.

Nothing is plainer than that it is impossible for the old parties to give any relief by quarreling over the tariff. Before our country again becomes prosperous we must have the principles of the Omaha platform enacted into law.

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Democrats tell us that they are not responsible for the bad laws from which we are suffering. Have they not had charge of this government since the 4th day of last March and have they not had time to have them done? Patient voters, what are they doing on that line now?

The great Democratic leader of New York, (Mr. Cockran), says that

New York will repeat the McKinley bill, but will copy one from it and pass it. Fellow citizens, what difference does the name make?

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